

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

1. (Currently Amended) A Method for handling a location data request or location request relating to a subscriber in a mobile radio network, comprising:  
~~with which on upon~~ receipt of a request (~~SRI~~) from a first location request handling device (~~GMLC-R5~~) at a subscriber database (~~HLR~~) of a mobile radio network, ~~for~~ switching device address data (~~MAP(MSC/SGSN/V-GMLC)~~) of a switching device (~~MSC/SGSN/GMLC~~), via which (~~MSC/SGSN/V-GMLC~~) the subscriber (~~MS~~) can currently be reached;  
\_\_\_\_\_ instead of switching the device address data, specifying, via (MAP (MSC/SGSN)) the subscriber database, (HLR) specifies to the first location request handling device (GMLC-R5) in a response (ACK (MSC(SGSN)) location request handling device address data (MAP (H-GMLC)) representing the address (H-HGMLC) of a further location request handling device (H-GMLC-R6);  
and  
\_\_\_\_\_ if it is a request (SRI) from the location request handling device (GMLC/R5) of a version (R5), according to which version (R5) there is provision for the location request handling device (GMLC-R5) to receive switching device address data (MAP (MSC/SGSN)) from the subscriber database (HLR) as a response.
2. (Currently Amended) The Method according to Claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the further location request handling device (~~H-GMLC-R6~~) is a location request handling device in ~~the~~ a home network of the subscriber (~~MS~~).
3. (Currently Amended) The Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the further location request handling device (~~H-GMLC~~) stores profile data of the subscriber (~~MS~~), ~~in particular privacy profile data,~~ which specifies whether and under what conditions the location request relating to the subscriber (~~MS~~) should be processed and/or responded to.

4. (Currently Amended) The Mmethod according to ~~one of the preceding Claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~Claim 1, wherein the first older version location request handling device  
 (GMLC R5) sends the request (~~SRI~~) to the subscriber database (~~HLR~~) after it (~~GMLC R5~~) receives  
 a request from an LCS client (~~LCS client~~).

5. (Currently Amended) The Mmethod according to ~~one of the preceding Claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~Claim 1, wherein the first location request handling device (~~GMLC R5~~) sends  
 a the location request to the address (~~MAP (H-GMLC)~~) of the ~~said~~ further location request handling  
 device (~~H-GMLC~~), which (~~H-GMLC R6~~) forwards it to the address of a switching device (~~MSC-~~  
~~SGSN~~), which was specified (~~Aek~~) thereto it (~~H-GMLC R6~~) by the subscriber database (~~HLR R6~~)  
 in response to its (~~H-GMLC R6~~) request (~~SRI~~) to the subscriber database (~~HLR R6~~).

6. (Currently Amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 4,  
~~characterized in that~~wherein the request (~~SRI~~) ~~contains~~ includes data (~~IMSI/MSISDN/etc.~~) of a  
 subscriber to be located identifying ~~said~~the subscriber (~~MS~~).

7. (Currently Amended) The mMethod according to ~~one of the preceding Claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~Claim 1, wherein the location request handling device address data (~~H-GMLC~~)  
 has ~~the~~a same format as switching device address data, ~~in particular an ISDN format or MAP data~~  
~~format.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The Mmethod according to ~~one of the preceding Claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~Claim 1, wherein the version of the location request handling device is  
 identified by athe subscriber database (~~HLR~~) from the non-extended format of the request (~~SRI~~).

9. (Currently Amended) The mMethod according to ~~one of the preceding Claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~Claim 1, wherein the version of the location request handling device (~~GMLC-~~  
~~R5~~) is identified from ~~the~~ a Lh interface used.

10. (Currently Amended) The Mmethod according to one of the preceding Claims,  
~~characterized in that in~~Claim 1, wherein the further location request handling device ~~(H-GMLC-R6)~~  
 profile data of the subscriber, in respect of whom a location request is to be implemented, is verified  
 and the further location request handling device ~~(H-GMLC-R6)~~ only contacts the switching device  
~~(MSC/SGSN)~~ specified to it, if the profile data of the subscriber shows that at the location request  
 relating to ~~said the~~ subscriber should be carried out.

11 (Currently Amended) . ~~A Ddevice characterized by means to execute all the steps of the~~  
~~method according to one of the preceding Claims.~~ for handling a location data request or location  
request relating to a subscriber in a mobile radio network, comprising:  
a subscriber database of a mobile radio network for switching device address data of a  
switching device, on receipt of a request from a first location request handling device, via which the  
subscriber can currently be reached; and  
a response location request handling device, instead of switching device address data the  
subscriber database specifies to the first location request handling device, to address data  
representing the address of a further location request handling device, wherein  
if it is a request from a location request handling device of a version, according to which  
version there is provision for the location request handling device to receive switching device  
address data from the subscriber database as a response.